

# Talking Points: **Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act**



At National Council of Jewish Women, we work to uphold *kavod ha bri'ot* — the dignity of every person — by advocating for the safety of women, children, and families. We are guided by an obligation to care for and protect each other and our neighbors from all forms of violence, including gun violence.

**The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (HR 38/S 65) would force every state to accept the weakest gun laws in the country — allowing anyone to carry concealed guns nationwide without training, background checks, or meeting a single safety standard.** This not only ignores state laws across the country, but undermines public safety and the very values that drive us. **If this bill passes, none of us are safe, anywhere.**

**Congress has a responsibility to stop this dangerous legislation.**

## **Background**

- The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act creates a **national concealed carry mandate**, which means that someone from a state with no rules about who can buy or carry weapons could bring a loaded gun to your synagogue, school, voting location, or playground.
- Concealed carry reciprocity (CCR) infringes upon existing state laws and requires *every* state, including states with strong gun laws, to allow concealed carry holders from out of state.
- This is extremely dangerous. If CCR were the law of the land, armed domestic abusers could chase their victims across state lines with impunity. States would lose the power to keep guns out of the hands of those convicted of hate crimes. Communities already suffering from gun violence would face greater danger.

## **Talking Points**

- Gun violence is wreaking havoc on our communities, and the last thing we need is legislation that makes having and carrying a gun in public *easier*. **Every day, 125 Americans are killed with guns — and firearms are now the leading cause of death for children and teenagers.**
- The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act mandates that every state allows out-of-state strangers to carry hidden, loaded guns in public — even in states where it's illegal. This legislation bypasses crucial state gun laws designed to protect communities.
- From empowering armed domestic abusers to chase their victims across state lines with impunity, to stripping states' power to keep guns out of the hands of those convicted of hate crimes, this bill will be devastating for all of our communities.
- As Jewish advocates dedicated to upholding the safety and dignity of every person, we will not stand idly by while our leaders put our lives at risk.

**Congress must block the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act and fight for the safety of our communities.**